

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A projector, comprising an image display portion and a  
2 projection lens for projecting an image displayed on said image  
3 display portion on a screen,  
4 said projector, further comprising;  
5 an image sensor which is placed in the vicinity of said  
6 projection lens and images the projected and displayed image  
7 and said screen;  
8 means for detecting a projection display area from the  
9 image imaged by said image sensor;  
10 means for detecting a screen area from the image imaged  
11 by said image sensor; and  
12 means for correcting an inputted image data so that said  
13 projection display area matches said screen area.
- 1 2. The projector according to claim 1, wherein said image  
2 sensor images the projected and displayed image through said  
3 projection lens.
- 1 3. The projector according to claim 1, wherein means for  
2 detecting said projection display area calculates the positions  
3 of the four corners of said projection display area.
- 1 4. The projector according to claim 1, wherein means for  
2 detecting said screen area calculates the positions of the four  
3 corners of said screen area.
- 1 5. The projector according to claim 1, wherein means for  
2 detecting said projection display area discriminates the  
3 positions of a plurality of representative points on the

4 projected and displayed image.

1 6. The projector according to claim 1, wherein a test image  
2 is projected in order to image said projection display area by  
3 said image sensor.

1 7. The projector according to claim 1, wherein a display  
2 position and a size of the image displayed on said image display  
3 portion are transformed to an analogous shape of said detected  
4 screen area.

1 8. The projector according to claim 7, wherein an image is  
2 projected on the portion in which said screen area and said  
3 projection display area are superposed when said screen area  
4 and said projection display area are different.

1 9. The projector according to claim 1, wherein said projection  
2 display area is shown by coordinates inside the image imaged  
3 by said image sensor.

1 10. The projector according to claim 1, wherein said screen  
2 area is shown by the coordinates inside the image imaged by said  
3 image sensor.

1 11. An image distortion correction method of a projector which  
2 projects an image displayed on an image display portion on a  
3 screen, comprising the steps of:

4 imaging said screen by an image sensor installed in the  
5 vicinity of said projection lens;

6 detecting the area of said screen from an imaged screen

7 image; and

8       correcting an inputted image so that the projection display  
9 area previously detected matches said screen area.

1 12. The image distortion correction method according to claim  
2 11, wherein said projector is installed so that said screen area,  
3 which is imaged, is included in said projection display area.

1 13. The distortion correction method according to claim 11,  
2 wherein said image sensor images said screen through said  
3 projection lens.

1 14. The image distortion correction method according to claim  
2 11, wherein the method has the positions of the four corners  
3 of said screen area as the data of said projection display area.

1 15. The image distortion correction method according to claim  
2 11, wherein the method calculates the positions of the four  
3 corners of said screen area as the data of said screen area.

1 16. The image distortion correction method according to claim  
2 11, wherein the method has the positional data of a plurality  
3 of representative points on the projected and displayed image  
4 as the data of said projection display area.

1 17. The image distortion correction method according to claim  
2 11, wherein the display position and the size of the image  
3 displayed on said image display portion are modified to the  
4 analogous shape of said detected screen area.

1 18. The image distortion correction method according to claim  
2 17, wherein an image is projected and displayed in the portion  
3 in which said screen area and said projection display area are  
4 superposed when said screen area and said projection display  
5 area are different.

1 19. The image distortion correction method according to claim  
2 11, wherein said projection display area is shown by coordinates  
3 inside the image imaged by said image sensor.

1 20. The image distortion correction method according to claim  
2 11, wherein said screen area is shown by coordinates inside the  
3 image imaged by said image sensor.

1 21. A projector, comprising an image display portion and a  
2 projection lens for projecting an image displayed on said image  
3 display portion to a screen,  
4 said projector further comprising:  
5 an image sensor for imaging a projected and displayed image  
6 and said screen;  
7 means for calculating a distance between a plurality of  
8 points inside the projected and displayed image and said  
9 projector from the image imaged by said image sensor;  
10 means for detecting a positional relationship between said  
11 projector and said screen from said distance; and  
12 means for correcting an inputted image data based said  
13 positional relationship so as to display the image on said screen  
14 in an object shape.

1 22. The projector according to claim 21, wherein said image  
2 sensor is placed in the vicinity of said projection lens.

1 23. The projector according to claim 21, wherein said image  
2 sensor images the projected and displayed image through said  
3 projection lens.

1 24. The projector according to claim 21, further comprising  
2 means for detecting the distance from said projector to said  
3 screen by detecting the projected and displayed image in a focused  
4 state.

1 25. The projector according to claim 21, wherein, when the  
2 positional relationship between said projector and said screen  
3 is detected, a plurality of representative points on the  
4 projected and displayed image is discriminated.

1 26. The projector according to claim 21, wherein, when the  
2 positional relationship between said projector and said screen  
3 is detected, an image for test purpose is projected and displayed.

1 27. The projector according to claim 25, wherein, to recognize  
2 a plurality of representative points on said image, specific  
3 representative points are displayed by flashing, and are  
4 discriminated as specific positions on the image by recognizing  
5 a flashing state thereof by the image sensor.

1 28. The projector according to claim 1, in the case where an  
2 area of said screen cannot be detected, further comprising a

3 function to automatically perform the correction of an inputted  
4 image data in such a manner that the distance from the image  
5 imaged by said image sensor between a plurality of points inside  
6 the projected and displayed image and said projector is  
7 calculated, and the positional relationship between said  
8 projector and said screen is detected from said distance, and  
9 the image is displayed on said screen in an object shape based  
10 on said positional relationship.

1 29. The projector according to claim 1, comprising:  
2 means for projecting and displaying a pattern inside said  
3 screen;  
4 means for detecting an area of the projected and displayed  
5 pattern; and  
6 means for detecting a projection display area from the  
7 area of the detected pattern.

1 30. The projector according to claim 29, comprising means for  
2 correcting an optical distortion of said image sensor.

1 31. The projector according to claim 29, comprising:  
2 means for comparing the projection display area subsequent  
3 to a distortion correction and the screen area; and  
4 means for feeding back the comparison result and updating  
5 the distortion correction in such a manner that the projection  
6 display area subsequent to the distortion correction and the  
7 screen area are matched.

1 32. The projector according to claim 21, comprising,  
2 means for projecting and displaying a central portion image

3 and an outer peripheral image;

4        wherein said outer peripheral image is about a size to  
5 explicitly point out to user on a limit of the image distortion  
6 correction by installing said screen in such a manner that the  
7 screen contains said central portion image and is placed inside  
8 rather than outside of said outer peripheral portion image.

1 33.    The projector according to claim 21, in a state of being  
2 unable to perform the image distortion automatic correction,  
3 further comprising:

4        means for projecting and displaying a central portion  
5 image; and

6        means for performing the image distortion correction  
7 by allowing four corners of said central portion image to match  
8 four corners of said screen.